Cape Charles Section One of the Most Favored.

#### FINEST OF TRUCKING FARMS

The Oyster Industry One of the Most Prospercus-Lapa Charles City an Up-10-Da.e, Thriving

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) CAPE UMARLES, VA, Dec. 27 .- The

Mose of sea times Cupe Charles to the so areat has been the main of population those seems homes in our must, and i score of families are sojourning at the

Cape Charks, situated between the sea and the cay, possesses especially the ch-matic conditions, escaping the rigors of Willier, owing to the enect of the close proximity to the gulf stream, which beens to increase year by year, while The cool sca and bay breezes sweep across the line, both hight and day, during the summer months, making it many degrees codier than many points in northern lat-

No one recognized the advantages of the mad camate of the pennisula better than the late rion, Will, in Scott, of Ere. Pa., and owner of "riohywood Truck Farm," who brought his string of ranning horses to cupe Charles every winter for early training, and it was here "Chaos," the winner of the abi, our future-

The stables and half mile track used by Mr. Scott have been kept up, last winter Phil. Daly quartered his stabies here, and the early training secured to his horses was no better evidenced than in the many purses captured in the

ourly spring races.

Mr. Daly is back again this winter, and it is reported that Lorelland and others are negotiating for the purchase of "Hollywood" for the purposes of getting the benefit of the early training. A PROSPEROUS 104

While Cape Charles, which is the terminus of the New York, Philadelphia and Nortolk Rall-oad, might be termed a railroad town, and while the railroad contri-butes angely to its thruit and support, yet trucking, fish and oyster interests enter la ge y into the sum total of her industres. So closely is Cape Charles identi-fied with the balance of the county from an agricultural and trucking standpoint. it is difficult to separate bem in discussing these industries.

Ten years ago less than four hundred thousand bar els of 'rish and sweet po-tatles were shipped by rail from the two counties-Norther apton and Accomac-and the empty barrels for the movement of the crop were brought by the rail cao company from northern and eastern cities while at present more than a million barrels are being moved annually from this same section and more than seven-

manufactured and distributed by hom enterprises. The last two years have been somewhat phenomenal, both as to production and prices, resulting in making our farmers better off than anytime during the history of the peninsula, at the same time enhancing the value of their lands twenty to forty per cent. for trucking

OYSTER .. DUSTI'Y.

1.e oyster industry, especially on the caside, under the beneficent planting seaside, under the beneficent planting laws, has brought a season of except onal prosperity from this industry, and while not only giving employment to a large army of men, has brought handsome returns to those who were far-sighted enough to occupy the lands and save them nut shells and young cysters. So great has been the attraction by

the advantages of senside oyster planting that hundleds of Maryland citizens come yearly to our sho es, drawn hither by the lucrative wages they are enabled to make in catching and shucking oysters.

The New York, Philadelphia and Nor-felk Rallroad, has enjoyed a staron of unusual prosperity and like many of the large trunk lines have been unable to handle the traffic offered.

Many improvements have been made,

not only in the terminals at Cape Charles but along the entire line, and the company are having built five large modern type locomotives, and additional tug and barae to accomodate the volume of business during the coming spring and summer. summer.

Mr. J. G. Rodger, superintendent of the New York, Pallade ph.a and Norfolk Railroad ever watchful of the welfare of the company and patrons' interest, inaugurated, as an experiment a double pascanger service in the early winter, which became so popular and profitable that it may now be recognized as a permanency. Everybody and all industries and enterprises have prospered at Cape Charles and on the peninsula during the year, and in the words of Horace Greely, it can be truthfully said, if you want to live long, cheap and happy, come to the East-em shore of Virginia.

OTHER ADVANTAGES.

Nowhere in all the Sunny Southland is there a country so beautiful and soil so fertile, while the equality of temperature, regularity of seasons, immunity from storms and the severe frosts which prevail in the North and West, are the private factors for a region of industrial.

prime factors for a region of industrial activity. The early spring will find a building boom in Cape Charles; already large preparations have been made along this line.

The Baptists erected a large, handsome and modern ed fice during the year, in Hen of a smaller structure which was built during the early days of the city. Chessrs, Kellogs and Heckle have in course of erection a twenty-five ton ice plant and it is their intention to equit e plant with sufficient power to run ectric lights and at an early date in addition to all the improvements of a modern town, will be added that of electric

lights for Cape Charles A national hank is talked of in the near future and it is reported there will be some little rivalry as to who will be the first to enter the field, the only banking Institution in the city being that of "the L. E. Mumford Banking Company," which has yielded a handsome income to its stockholders; paying a dividend of twenty-

#### IN OLD BUCKINGHAM

eight per cent. for last year.

A Year of Unexampled Prosperity in the Cru-t .

rial Dispatch to The Times) BUCKINGHAM C. H. VA., Dec 27. God has been merciful to the people of this section of the State during the year now closing in abundant crops and fair prices for the same; and thus far the winter has been very mild, without s'orms end blizzards, showing that the year of en ignirement should be duly penitent Bank have large deposits on hand. with heart-felt prayers to him who giveth | Shipments of stock produce, flour

all things.

The farmers at this Christmas will have

SUPERIOR TO ALL REMEDIES.



since the Civil War, and are better pro sared for the labors of the ensuing year. Small game plentiful, with many dee and turkeys, and hunters are through the county from the West and No.th having their sport.

Manais from the far West have been press themselves well pleased with the outlook of the gold, copper iron and man-ganese o es. The Bondurant gold misc tracts by Western miners, and will soon also opening up tale and soapstone quar-

lies with hopefulness as to the future.

The people are well pleased to see that the Committee on Laws of the Legislature have recommended a license tax on surveyors and surely the Legislature will likewise require an examination of works and many other plants which have resident of surely surveyors and surely the resident of surely surveyors.

they ask that all applicants be examined to meet where was ground the meet which were they are allowed to practice the before they are allowed to practice the pofession. This is asking no more than this section was taken from the boson of Mother Earth and converted into many

ever the prospect of having a railroad from Gordonsville to Danville, Va., pass-ing through this county and hoping it may come by the cou thouse.

Buckinghamites feel much elated in aving a telephone from the Courth u eo Winging and White Hall, as yet not n connection with long distance toleof connection with long distance being blone, but are hopeful of seen being the hello to Richmord. Indeed the the to hello to Richmord. Indeed the Courthouse is so healthful that several Northerners are spending months, and me or more years here, in the rejuvi-nating and climatic conditions that gives mewal of the living elements of human fe One, after several years re idence ere, particking of the lithia waters and ibsorbing the cerulian atmosphere which lovers over and around the Blue Rid-e renewal of at least twenty years of

Since the School Board has established high school at the Courthouse and have rected a suitable building, a lady of note and refinement has taken quarters be e the view of educating her four

Hon. James Lyons has located a home and built a fine residence near the vil-ages and under the climatic conditions has re-established his health and has beome a popular citizen of the county.

#### THE VALLEY CITY

Staunton Adds Valuable Industries to the Long List.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) STAUNTON, VA., Dec. 27.—Staunton's prosperity during the last year is markd, and the business of several of the argest industries have increased so rapidly that they have been compelled n several instances to double and trip-de their capacity.

The Staunton Overall Company, which s working its largely increased forces lay and night, are now preparing to nove at an early date into their new and spacious factory building upon Cen-

ral Avenue. The Putnam Organ factory, one of he largest manufacturing plants here, has increased its forces during the last year, and yet the demand upon this company for musical instruments is so.

great that they are far behind in their

ing, as fast as cars can be secured, its perb flour in all parts of the country.

The new branch of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, will commence operation shortly with a force of one bundred hands, and will increase their capacity as the spring season opens. The banks have all made splendid showings within the last year in the way of in creased deposits.

The National Valley Bank is preparing to erect a large granite building upon the site of their old bank house and of he Shutz store, an adjoining piece of property which they have just purchas-The Augusta National Bank have purchased within the last year the pendid site on the south-west corner

f Main and Augusta Streets. The Portland Cement Works, situated one miles west of Staunton, has been ne of the greatest successes of any of the enterprises started in the State of Virginia in the last few years. This plant has developed so rapidly that their daily capacity is now six hundred bar-rels per day. This company has just commenced to work double forces, and ts capacity will be much larger than at present within a few months.

#### A SOLID TOWN

Woodstock's Prosperity Based on a S-lid F. undation.

(Special Disputch to The Times.) WOODSTOCK, VA., Dec. 27.-Wood-stock, the county seat of Shenandouh county, situated in the heart of the Vallty of Virginia on the Harrisonburg and Washington branch of the Southen Railway, has a population of 1,400 people and is almost entirely dependant upon agricultural pursuits for its prosperity, an' the improvements are of a gradual

but permanent nature.

business in its numerous mercantile es-

andosh Manufacturing Company was incorporated during the fiscal year, and has purchased the foundry property, which is being put in repair and is now engaged in installing machinery for the manufacture of staves and heading and will begin erations the first of 1903. The law office of Messrs, Tanner &

Bauserman, and banking bouse of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank and a number of tenant dwelling houses have been erceted during the past year and a number are expected to be erected in the near future. Since the establishment of the Gravity

Water System, rial estate has advanced In price and a number of sales have been recorded.

The Shenandoah County Building and Loan Association, Shenandoah Valley Lean and Trust Company and Valley

1602 of our Lord should be remembered. Building and Loan Association are doing and the people during the pe iod of real loan business, and the Shennadoah Najocing new at hand for the blessings of tional Bank and Fernage, and Verchant' the shendard to the blessings of the shendard to the blessing to the shendard to the blessing to the shendard to the shendard

all things,

and hay have continued to grow, and

The farmers at this Christmas will have large revenues are received from this
more money in hand then any Christmas source.

WINCHESTER PUTS ON NEW ACTIVITY

Assumes the Pace it Held in Ante-Bellum Days.

ENERGY AND IMPROVEMENT

Its Banks Doing a Splendid Business Building Elejant Humus for Their Occupa: c1-Sp endid Memorial Hospital and Other Buildings.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WINCHESTER, VA., Dec. 27 .- The year has been one of unusual prosperity for and some are now prospecting the gold this city, and indications point to much leads through the county and some ex- of the same gold times in 1906. The citiof the same good times in 1956. The cltizeni themselves have become aroused to the wonderful advance of the city in the ias been purchased and several adjoining just ten years. It is but history repeating itself. in colonial days and for some time after, this place was the "metropoas," the "mecca" of the country for hunureds of miles around-and the products of the Winchester manufactories were applicants who desire the position of sur- since succumped to the opposition exerted by the larger manufactories in which George Washin-ton had to show his many hundreds of donars were concencertificate of proficiency before he could obtain his license to survey; and the peonot demanding too much when where was ground the meal which went forms to: the use of those in the large masters. The now almost extinct "tenmate" stove was also manufactured here and we could enumerate many more articles, but it would be thresome to the readers of The Times. DAYS OF LUTHARGY.

Generally the manufacturer of Win-chester receded before the aggressiveness of his competitor in other sections of the country, especially the North; the war came on and almost finished in summary fashlon, that which had been started in the rivalry of trade. When that never-to-be-forgotten struggie had ceased, Winchester was in poor shape. The town came to be looked upon as an agricultural community, a delightful place in which to live if one had the money, but a poor one in which man could hope to succeed without capital.

DAYS OF ACTIVITY. The city grow, outside capital seeking investment located, and in addition to the industries already here, others came. The Lewis Jones' Knitting Mills, worth \$10-100, to-day received one order that will consume one-half of the of 1903, and which will pay next year to their em-ployes not less than \$40.00. Almot ad-jecting this mill is the Virginia Woolen Mill, recently ericted, which property is worth \$75,000, and next year will pay to

its employes between \$15,000 and \$20,000. There is also the W. B. Baker's Son's fouring mill, the largest in the Valley; the William C. Graichen Glove Company, ne of the largest in the country; other glove factories, the Old Dominion Paper stills, eigar factories, grain mills, and many smaller manufactories, whose prosyear's business, and which will distribute thousands of dollars for labor, meaning that the people will have the wherewithall to live comfortably, and that money will be in continual circulation.

MILLOCRIAL HOSPITAL.

A number of building improvements are contemplated and several handsome structures will be completed next month. One of these is the Winchester Memorial Hosp., al, which will cost su, 000. This edifice has been inspected by some of the leading medical men of the East, who unanimously declare it to be one of the most complete, as well as modern, The funds for its erection were by subscription, and the late Charles Broadway Rouss, of New York, spected the building, was so pleased with it that he donated a half dozen of the best hospital beds procurable. The in-stitution will depend upon the public for support, and will be governed by the medical men of Winchester. The president of the association is Dr. Hunter H. McGuire, son of Dr. W. P. McGuire, also a nephew of the late Dr. Hunter A.Guire, of Richmond, and a grandson of the late John Randolph Tucker.

Another nearly completed building is the Farme's and Merchants Na ional Bank, which was organized last spring and now has on deposit \$48,117.38, and has assets of \$101, .... (6. Its new building will cost when completed over \$.0,000. It is one of the government's d positories and promises to become an important factor in the financial life of the Valley. Another structure which will soon be fin.shed is the Mortuary Chapel, that stands at the entrance to Mount Hebron Cemetery. Winchester's beautiful city of the dead. It is to cost more than \$10,000, \$5,000 of which was contributed by Mr. Charles broadway Rouss.
CHURCH IMPROVEHENT.

Several thousand dollars have also been expended in frescoing and improving the Market-Street Methodist Episcopa Church and more money will be expended next ear when it is proposed to place about twenty stained glass windows in the church, which is in all probability, one of the largest, if not the largest church in this section of the country in regard to seating capacity.

coming year, the most imposing is, perhars, the magnificent new, three-story the Shenandoah Valley National Bank.
This edifice cost about \$50,000, the banking froom furniture and adornments alone cost the entire year, and has made good about \$10,000. It has been pronounced by one of the finest in the country, and going night and day. The management it will not pale in appearance when compared with similar institutions in Rich- ahead. pared with similar institutions in Richmond. Baltimore or Washington. This bank is now doing an immense business, and, despite the fact that another bank has been organized since the first of the year and has met with marvelous success, the Shenar and Volley National Funk has increased its deposits by \$150. Use Town Council appropriated more money this year for the improvement of streets (60), and now has asse of a.053.86.10. Its year and has met with marvelous success, the Shenar and Volley National Ennk has increased its deposits by \$150.

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the town attracts the wealthy people of the surrounding countles because of the excellence of her stores and workmanship and the superior transaction of her mercantile business; natives of other localities, with lortunes ranging \$100,000 to \$1,-00,000, have chosen to make their homes in and near the city; industrial and mingral development is knocking at our doors. 100.000, have chosen to make their homes in and near the city; industrial and minieral development is knocking at our doors, and in divers other ways Fortune has indicated that she would intest, us with some of her abundant riches.

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# IN FREDERICKSBURG

Many Cheering Tokens of Creatly Advanced Achievement in All Lines of Activity.

(Special Disputch to The Times.) FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Dec. 27 .-The year just closing has been one of the most progressive and satisfactory, in the history of this city. Sounds of the saw and hammer have been heard on all sides throughout the year. Buildings of the most up-to-date kind in both the business and residential sections of the city bave been erected and others are still in course of construction. Within the past twerve months a number of store houses have been built here which will do credit to

denced by the establishment of new wholesale houses and the en argement of been busy, giving employment to large forces of operatives and many of these establishments now have orders ahead. Predericksburg is well favored with man utacturing enterprises of varied kinus. The city has increased in population, tax-able values have enhanced and many public improvements made. Besides the city gas works there are two electric plants here, one owned by the city and the other by a private corporation. A splendid system of sewirage has been es-tablished during the year and the work of paving Main and Commerce streets

will begin next month, the contract for same having been awarded.

The outlook for the future is exceedingly bright. One of the new improvements will be an equestrian statue of Gen. Hugh Mercer, to be erected here, the Congress the United States having appropriate of the United States having appropriate 25,000 for that purpose. The bill for the National Buttlesheins Park, to emurace the battlesheids ofthis city, the Wilderness Chancellersville and Spotsylvania Court-house has passed the Senate and has been reported favorably by the House Committee on Military affairs, and it is established, and the bill may pass before the adjournment of the present Congress, Fredericksburg College and the other schools here are in a flourishing condition and with greaty increased attenuance and with greatly increased This city with its historic Charles Broadway Rouss, or New York, and with gierry includes another New Yorker, has endowed it with a fund of \$5.00; Mr. George Bowen, of Washington, endows it with \$1.500, and Dr. Joseph Price, a prominen, physician of Philadelphia, who was in town one day last summer and incompanies to building was so pleased with the building was so pleased with the most the hum of industry and the mustices. post the hum of industry and the music of progress. Prosperity is on every hand and there is no inflated boom, but a rea healthy growth in population and busi-

#### BILLDING IN FARMVILLE

More Than at Any Time Since the Big Fire of 1896

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
FARMVILE, VA., December 27.-The year 1902 in Farmivile was one of the most prosperous in the history of the town. Not since the big fire in 1839. which destroyed a score or more of business houses, has the town experienced such a building boom as in the past

twelve months.

The two banks of the city made more The two banks of the city made more money and will pay out larger dividends shortly than in any one year for a lorg time. Every merchant in the town reports a large and flourishing business throughout the entire year, and mary of them made more money this year than in any one year since they commenced business. There were fewer failures in the town than recorded in any one year

for a long time. More people bought property and prid off mortgages on their homes and other property than has been known in the history of the town. This was particu-larly noticed among the laboring class. both white and colored.

The proprietors of the Farmville Mil's, one of the leading enterprises of the town, report business better than has In addition to the many residences that have been erected, are in the course of the leading enterprises of the town, report business better than has construction and which will be built the been known for many years, and say the demand for their flour is so great that they have to run night and day to eatch up on orders.

The Farmville Manufacturing Company

states the company has orders six months

With the prosperity of the year just than for many years.

Which the prosperity of the year just passing and indications as at present for criterions. Winchester has every reason to believe that her future is bright. Conditions never were so auspicious.

# GREAT ACTIVITY AT BIG STONE GAP

New Coal and Coking Regions Being Developed.

TRIBUTARY TO THE TOWN

Many Companies Have Their Headquarters There, and All Are Busy with Orders Ahead-Many Improvements in the Town.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) BIG STONE GAP, VA., Dec. 27 .-Great developments are going on in the coal fields here and also in Eastern Kentucky, where good coming coal has been discovered. The Deering Harveting Ma-chine Company is purchasing a large boundary of coal land, and will erect a large coke plant.

The Kentucky coal field is tributary

to Big Stone Gap and the development will redound to the material prosperity of the place. The general offices of most of the companies are located here, and the leading officers, whose duties are such that they do not have to reside at the plants, all have their residences here. Vinginia COAL AND IRON CO.

One of the weathness and strongest comapnies is the Virginia Coal and Iron Company. This company is controlled by the Wentz family, of Philadelphia. Two sons of Dr. J. S. Wentz, the president of t he company, reside here, where the general offices of the company are located. Mr. D. B. Wentz, the general manager of the company, is a young man, about thirty years of age, and of independent means. He is probably the wealthiest young man in the State. is a graduate of Harvard, has traviled extensively abroad, has fine literary tase and is a great lover of athletics. But it is in business that he shines pre-eminently. He has the management of his father's large and extensive holdings in this State and Eastern Kentucky, and as manager of the large coke and coal plants at Stonega and Mud Lick, where 765 ovens are in operation and 200 more under construction, representing millions of dolles, he has demons rated his abil-ity. The output from these rlants is enormous and increasing day by day. The other son, Mr. E. L. Wentz, has The other son, Mr. E. L. Wentz, has charge of the land department of the company, and is building a hard me

of h's brother.
STOR. \_\_\_LLIERY COMPANY. This company was organized about on year ago by General Rufus A. Ayers, who recently disposed of his holdings to New York capitalists. It owns about five thousand acres of very valuable coal land and has the prettiest location for a plant in the entire field. General Ayers is president of the company and is taking a great deal of pride in the construction of the plant, which, when

residence in this place, just opposite that

THE BIG STONE CAP IRON CO. The Big Stone Gap Iron Company owns the iron furnices at this place, which make about 100 tons of high class pig talist of that city. He bought the propprofit to himself over since. Mr. E. L. business, and is a young man business ability. Mr. J. H. Mathews has charge of the book-keeping department, and is recognized as an able and experienced man in the business.

Both Mr. Harper and Mr. Mathews reside here with their families, and are

great social favorites THE NORTON COAL COMPANY.

This company's holdings were purchased from Philadelphia owners by Messrs. R. A and H. J. Ayers for Mr. Warren J. Willitts, of Michigan. The-company has for years been doing a large coal business, and the quality of the coal is con-sidered, for steam purposes, most ex-cellent. They are now engaged in putting in the very latest equipment and are rapidly pushing to completion 200 colfe ovens. Mr. L. O. Pettit, a son-in-law of General Ayers, and son of Colonel W. B. Pettit, of Fluvanna, Va., is the general manager of this company. Mr. Willetts, the president and one of the largest stockholders in the company, is a native of Michigan, where he is closely identified with several large cornorations THE COLONIAL COAL AND COKE CO.
This is another of Wise county's large operations, and is owned practically by

the Kemmerers, of Mauch Chunk and Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. John A. Esser, for a number of years superintendent of the Virginia Coal and Iron Company's plant at Stonega, is the efficient superintendent of the ocmpany's plant at Dorchester. where they have 450 coke ovens in operation and 200 more under construction.

MR. PARDEE.

Mr. Calvin Pardee is preparing to erect a large coke and coal plant in this coun-ty. Mr. Pardee is a wealthy capitalist ty. Mr. Pardee is a wealthy capitalist of Philadelphia, and owns a large body of valuable coal lands here.

There are a number of other plants contemplating starting up in the near

TANNERY AND EXTRACT WORKS. About three years ago General Rufus

Ayers built one of the most complete tanneries this place in the South. With his well known business sagacity he saw this was a most excellent field for a tannery by reason of the easy access to an unlimited quantity of bark It was but a ploneer movement, and his foresight, as events have proven, was pre-eminently good. Soon after the con-struction of the tannery the United States Leather Company heard of the plant and of the immense boundaries of virgin forest, and came to the conclu that they wanted an extract plant at this place. They selected a site near the tannery and commenced the erection of one of the largest extract plants in the South. which is now running to its full canacit Trey then concluded that they like to own the fannery, and a delication consummated by which General Ayers was induced to sell to them, but at a very large profit to himself. The

Richmond Merchants want the trade of Virginia Farmers, they can get it by advertising in

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represent an investment of several hun-dred thousand dollars. They have a large nev-roll and are industries that are great material benefit to the town here. Mr. Herbert L. Moore is the efficient Mr. Herbert L. Moore is the efficient manager of the extract department and Mr. George Frisby that of the tannery department of the large plant.
THE KEYSTONE COAL AND IRON
COMPANY.
The Keystone Coal and Iron Company

owns valuable iron mines near this place which they have been operating for several years. Mr. D. C. Anderson, formely of this place now of Phi clothia wa or this place now of rift comma wa-for a long time manager of the affairs of this company. Mr. J. H. Dinges, of Philadelphia, is largely interested in the company. A dividend has recently been ordered of ten per cent, per share of the apitel stock.
THE INTERSTATE FINANCE AND

TRUST COMPANY.

The Interstate Finance and Trust Com

pany is a large banking institution here and does a trust company business a well. It was recently organized to take over the banking business of Rufus A H. J. Avers are large stockholders, and Hagan, Harry J. Ayers and R. A.

as the "Interment." where it has quarters, and one of the most complet the very latest improved vaults and safes and burglar alarms. \$200,000, business. Mr. R. P. Barron is cashier of this company. He was with the old firm of Rufus A. Ayers and Company for ten years. General Ayers is president, 2° S. D. Green teller, and H. T. John : chief clerk . PROSPECTS FOR 1913.
From present indications all the indus-ries in the Big Stone Gap section promis-

to do a large business in the year 1903 Orders at present prices have alread

to do a large business in the year 1902. Orders at present prices have already been booked by many of the companies for six months in the new year, and with the constant new enterprises starting up and the ever-increasing output of those already in operation. Big Stone Gan will grow immensely. Already there is the nucleus for one of the largest industrial towns in the South, and the outlook reservement brighter. All vestice of the auroe played by the hoom of 190-1 has disappeared and the growth is now solld and substantial.

This ereat section, which encircles Big Stone Can as a radius, is destined to be the weathlest section in the States of Virsin'a and Kentucky. The men who are leaders in this great industrial develonment have State reputations—men of sterling worth and push, types of the leading Virginian of the future. With coke ovens dotting every valley, and from furnaces, tenneries and extract works, heade a multifude of smaller industries, Big Stone Gan is formed ahead with rapid stridys and is to-day the gem of the Appalachias.

#### A GROWING TOWN

Many Substantial Improvements in Pulaski City. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

PULASKI. VA. December 27.— Business here fore the past year has been exceptionally good and the town is steadily growing. The Bertha Mineral Company has recently erected a fine laboratory and litted it up with the latest improvements.

H. W. Van Doren has put into operation a plening and saw mill which em-

plovs fifteen hands.
The Norfolk & Western Railway Com-pany has partly completed a park in front of the depot and Maple Shade Inn. The Pulaski Iron Furnace has spent everal thousand dollars in building small

uses for their hands. The Pulaski School Company has built, at a cost of \$3,500, a school building, half stone and half frame and same is now being run as a day and boarding school, with a large attendance. H. W. Stegar has built for The Pu-

laski Grecery Company (wholesale) large warehouse, at a cost of about \$3,000.

J. D. Chumbley has recently completed a two-story brick store and dwelling house at a cost of \$2,000. Bones has about comp'e'ed a brick dwelling at a cost of over \$3.00.

There have been a number of small frame buildings built on the outskirts of the twon, also some very nice frame ouildings, and the outlook for 1900 is very

### FROM WILLIAMSBURG

Very Satisfactory and Gratifying Report of Progress.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
WILLIAMSBURG. VA., December The industries of Williamsburg have had a most prosperous year. The Williamsburg knitting Mill Com-

pany turned out from ...s factory more than double the amount of knit goods sold in 1901. The mill pays out for labor an average of \$50 a day, making the total amount paid out for labor during the year nearly \$18,000, Nearly all of this money is spent within this city. The company is now well out of the

experimental stage. The product is sold largely west of the Miss'ssippi River, and some has gone to Hawaii and Australia. The mill is now shut down for general and extensive improvements. The output of the mill for 1903 is expected to double that of this year.

The Penineula Bank has done an ex-cellent business this year. Its capital

The people in this section are well plecased with the facilities the bank af-

The following shows the increase of the deposits within the last three years: January, 1900, 490,000; January, 1901, \$110,-0.0; January, 1902, \$160,000, and up to De-cember, of this year, \$215,000.0 The saw and planing mill of Bozarth &

Warburton have increased their busines immensely in the past year. They ex-pect to double their work in 1908. It is more than likely that this city at the end of another year will have a large canning factory and one of the largest saw mill plants in this section of

Men of means are backing the | movements. There has been more building of private residences within the past year than was even known before. The new ward at the Fastern State Hospital will he completed by the spring or summer of 19.3. This is a very large building.

An electric plant for the purpose of lighting the streets and houses will come in 1903. And the City Council are preparing for great improvements on the streets, and probably water works and department, which would be a great help here.

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